

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

There are only two safeguards to our liberties that can effectively protect them from attempts to impose an undemocratic tyranny upon us by a political party that controls the White House and both house of Congress. These are: an independent and honest judiciary -- which the current administration will undoubtedly destroy as quickly as possible -- and an independent, balanced and unbiased media, where all views can receive equal voice. The proposed changes would virtually destroy the last remaining barriers against the corporate media imposing absolute monopoly control over all media outlets.

Should these rule changes take place -- and I cannot but believe that they will -- you will be removing virtually the last safeguard that we, the people, have. Should this occur, we can kiss our democracy and our liberties goodbye, for a certainty, and that will be on your heads. Think about that consequence very seriously as you deliberate.